

November 30, 1999

TO: Members of the MAG Management Committee

FROM: Frank Fairbanks, Phoenix, Chairman

SUBJECT: SPECIAL MEETING NOTIFICATION AND TRANSMITTAL OF TENTATIVE AGENDA

Monday, December 6, 1999 - 9:00 a.m.
MAG Office, Suite 200 - Saguaro Room
302 North 1st Avenue, Phoenix

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A special Management Committee meeting will be held at the MAG offices at the time and place noted above. The special meeting is being called to address the approvability issues with the 1999 Serious Area Particulate Plan for PM-10. The recommendations made by the Management Committee will be considered by the Regional Council at their meeting on December 8, 1999.

Members are reminded of the importance of attendance by yourself or a proxy. Any time that a quorum is not present, we cannot conduct the meeting. Please set aside sufficient time for the meeting, and for all matters to be reviewed and acted upon by the Management Committee. Your presence and vote count.

**MAG SPECIAL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
TENTATIVE AGENDA
December 6, 1999**

		<u>COMMITTEE ACTION REQUESTED</u>
1.	<u>Call to Order</u>	
2.	<u>Call to the Audience</u> An opportunity will be provided to members of the public to address the Management Committee for items that are not included on the agenda. Citizens will be requested not to exceed a three minute time period for their comments. A total of 15 minutes will be provided for the Call to the Audience agenda item, unless the Management Committee requests an exception to this limit.	2. For information.
3.	<u>EPA Approvability Problem with the MAG 1999 Serious Area Particulate Plan for PM-10</u> On November 9, 1999, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) notified MAG by telephone and Governor Hull by letter that there is an approvability problem with the 1999 Serious Area Particulate Plan for PM-10 which needs to be resolved quickly. If the plan cannot be approved by March 2, 2000, the first sanction will be imposed which involves two to one off-sets for major industrial sources. If the plan is not corrected by September 2, 2000, the second sanction will be imposed which involves the loss of federal highway funds. According to EPA, the approvability problem is that the plan relies on Maricopa County's two fugitive dust control rules for 90 percent of the emissions reduction needed for attainment in 2006, by assuming a high rate of compliance. EPA believes the compliance rate is unrealistic. Also, EPA has indicated that the plan barely addresses dust from paved roads and there is no strategy in the plan for reducing dust on private unpaved roads. EPA notes that while funding can be a barrier for control measures, the FY 2001-2004 MAG Transportation Improvement Program reflects almost \$40 million in unobligated federal Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) funds which could be used to provide the needed control measures.	3. For information, discussion and possible action.

To address the approvability problem, the MAG Transportation Review Committee recommended on November 23, 1999 that CMAQ funds be approved as follows: \$5.4 million for paving principal dirt roads in the County; \$5.4 million for paving the remaining dirt roads in the County with 130 average daily trips or greater; \$5.4 million for paving additional dirt roads with MAG members to submit project proposals to MAG by December 2, 1999; and MAG staff to investigate options for additional funding of this category; and \$5.7 million for the purchase of approximately 48 PM-10 Efficient Street Sweepers.

Following the TRC meeting, Maricopa County revised their project cost estimates from \$10.8 million to \$7.85 million to reflect only paving costs for the projects (November 30, 1999). Please refer to the enclosed material.

4. Consultation on Conformity Assessment for Proposed Amendment to the FY 2000-2004 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

On November 23, 1999, the MAG Transportation Review Committee (TRC) recommended that projects be added to the MAG federally funded program to address EPA approvability issues with the 1999 Serious Area Particulate Plan for PM-10. Projects costing \$10.8 million are designed to reduce fugitive dust from unpaved roads with more than 130 vehicles per day under the jurisdiction of Maricopa County. Maricopa County will provide an additional fifty percent match to be used for paving. It is important to note that these also include private roads that are publicly maintained. Additional projects totaling \$5.7 million in funding for the purchase of PM-10 certified street sweepers were recommended; \$1.9 million will be deferred until FY 2005. Available Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) funds will be utilized for both the street paving and the purchase of street sweepers.

Following the TRC meeting, Maricopa County revised their project cost estimates from \$10.8 million to \$7.85 million to reflect only paving costs for the projects (November 30, 1999).

4. For information, discussion and consultation.

MAG has reviewed the proposed projects for compliance with the federal conformity rule (40 CFR Parts 51 and 93) and has found that the proposed projects may be categorized as a minor TIP amendment, for which conformity consultation is required. The current conformity finding of the TIP and the associated Long Range Transportation Plan Summary was made jointly by the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration in a letter dated June 10, 1999 and would be unchanged by the proposed TIP Amendment. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5. Amendment to the FY 2000-2004 MAG Transportation Improvement Program

The FY 2000-2004 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) was approved by the Regional Council on June 9, 1999. On November 23, 1999, the MAG Transportation Review Committee (TRC) recommended that three projects be added to the TIP. Projects costing \$10.8 million are designed to reduce fugitive dust from unpaved roads with an average daily traffic count (ADT) of more than 130 vehicles per day, under the jurisdiction of Maricopa County. Maricopa County will provide an additional 50 percent match for these projects. It is important to note that these projects include private roads that are publicly maintained. One additional project, totaling \$5.7 million in funding, will purchase specially certified vacuum Street Sweepers. Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Improvement Program funds will be used for both the paving and purchase of sweepers. These changes are not expected to affect the MAG air quality conformity analysis and the required action is considered a minor TIP amendment, for which a formal public hearing is not necessary.

Following the TRC meeting, Maricopa County revised their project cost estimates from \$10.8 million to \$7.85 million to reflect only paving costs for the projects (November 30, 1999). Consultation on the conformity analysis status of this amendment is considered under a separate agenda item. Please refer to the enclosed material.

5. For information, discussion and recommendation to approve an amendment to the FY 2000-2004 MAG Transportation Improvement Program to add the following projects, all with CMAQ funds: Maricopa County, paving dirt roads: Phases 1 & 2, FY 2001, \$1,700,000; Phases 3 & 4, FY 2002, \$3,070,000; and Phases 5 & 6, FY 2003, \$3,077,500 and MAG; Purchase PM-10 certified street sweepers: \$960,000 in each of FYs 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2004.